

# Iron County Register

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The United States senate, on the 24th, confirmed the nomination of James D. Tillman, of Tennessee, to be minister to Ecuador.

The house judiciary committee, on the 23d, by a vote of 9 to 7, decided not to recommend the impeachment of Judge Ricks.

The bill pledging the faith of the United States to the construction of the Nicaraguan canal was passed by the senate, on the 25th, by a vote of 51 yeas to 31 nays.

W. K. VAN DERBILT arrived at Queens-town, on the 24th, on the steamer Teutonic. He refused to be interviewed either on his domestic affairs or the new cup defender.

The managers of the Monongahela tin plate works at South Pittsburgh, Pa., signed the scale presented by the workmen on the night of the 25th, thus giving victory to the strikers.

DR. ARTHUR C. WEBSTER, of Clark university, Worcester, Mass., received notice, on the 23d, that he had won the Elihu Thomson international prize of \$5,000 for the best treatise on electricity.

On the 23d Judge Hagner, of Washington, dismissed the application of John G. Martin, of New York, for an injunction to restrain the commissioner of internal revenue from collecting the income tax.

The bill introduced in December last by Mr. McCall, of Massachusetts, to give United States district courts jurisdiction first over contested election cases, was, on the 25th, ordered to be favorably reported by the elections committee of the house.

A DISPATCH from Shanghai states that the Chinese peace envoys made application to the agents of the Pacific Mail Steamship Co. on the 23d, for transportation to Japan and would sail on the 26th. They will be transferred to a Japanese steamer at Shinjokoski.

The Spanish government stated in the chamber of deputies, on the 23d, that twenty-two cases of alleged sales of titles of nobility had come to the knowledge of the state authorities, and that the matter would be immediately brought before the proper tribunals.

On the 22d the house committee on military affairs ordered favorably reported a substitute for the senate bill reviving the grade of lieutenant-general in the army when, in the opinion of the president and senate, it shall be deemed proper to acknowledge distinguished services.

The Lawson power-of-removal bill passed the New York state assembly, on the 23d, without amendment—102 yeas to 13 nays—and went to the senate for concurrence. Under the mayor of New York city has four months from January 1 in which to remove the heads of city departments.

The Carnegie company, it is said, on good authority, is contemplating changes in its Homestead (Pa.) steel plant which will admit of the manufacture of cannon, to compete with the Bethlehem works, and even with those of the great German iron master Krupps.

On the 25th President Faure of France summoned M. Ribot to the palace and requested him to form a ministry. It was expected that M. Ribot would be supported by the moderates, with the aim of passing the budget bill without the clause providing for an income tax.

The steamer Wisconsin was reported, on the 24th, to be fast among ice-floes in Lake Michigan, four miles east from Grand Haven, Mich. The steamer Osceola had made several unavailing attempts to get to her. The ice-bound vessel was in no danger of going to pieces unless she should be struck by a bale.

BILL COOK, the notorious border bandit, was arraigned in the United States federal court at Fort Smith, Ark., on the 23d, and pleaded not guilty to the charge of robbing the Wells-Fargo express at Redfield, I. T., July 18, 1894. He also pleaded not guilty of robbing McMorris' store, near Coffeyville, Mo., December 3, 1893. Cook says he intends to fight all of the charges against him.

A DISPATCH from the City of Mexico, dated the 25th, said: "Guatemala's answer to Mexico's ultimatum was received last night. The country has accepted the disputed territory belongs to her, and if any indemnity is to be paid Mexico owes it to Guatemala." The prospects were that war would be declared at once.

The forty-seventh anniversary of the discovery of gold in California was celebrated, on the 24th, by the Western Association of California Pioneers at the Grand Pacific hotel in Chicago. Members were present from Iowa, Nebraska, Illinois, Michigan, Indiana and Ohio. Reminiscences of '49 were exchanged by the pioneers for several hours, followed by a social gathering and banquet, at which the wives and daughters of the pioneers were present.

In its report against the impeachment of Judge Ricks, the house judiciary committee embodied a resolution declaring that "the committee is not satisfied that Judge Augustus J. Ricks has been guilty of any wrong committed while judge that will justify it in reporting a resolution of impeachment; yet the committee cannot too strongly condemn the practice under which Judge Ricks made up his accounts."

J. D. DURAN, consul general at San Francisco for Guatemala, was reported, on the 24th, to have been recalled by President Harris. It is said that Duran, who is a lieutenant-colonel in the Guatemalan army, will assume command of the force on his arrival home. It was further stated that an alliance had been formed by the republics of Nicaragua, Salvador, Honduras and Guatemala, and that a joint force of 100,000 men was under arms and ready to march to the Mexican frontier.

## NEWS AND NOTES.

A Summary of Important Events.

### FIFTY-THIRD CONGRESS.

[Second Session.]  
In the senate, on the 21st, the discussion of the Hawaiian question occupied the entire morning hour. The senate voted to recede from its amendments to the urgency deficiency appropriation bill on the subject of the income tax. An arrangement was made by unanimous consent for a vote on the Nicaraguan canal bill at 5 o'clock on the 25th. In the house the major part of the day was given up to the consideration of a number of bills providing for public buildings in various cities, several of which including that for Chicago, were passed. Debate on the Hawaiian question was prevented by democratic protests, and the point of "no quorum" finally forced an adjournment.

In the senate, on the 22d, the further discussion of the Hawaiian question occupied the morning hour, at the close of which the Kyle resolution, which the discussion had been based, was placed on the calendar. The remainder of the day's session was occupied by Mr. Purdie (Ind.) with a speech in opposition to the Nicaragua canal bill. In the house the Indian appropriation bill was amended and passed, and a sharp speech in opposition to the Nicaragua canal bill. In the house the Indian appropriation bill was amended and passed, and a sharp speech in opposition to the Nicaragua canal bill.

In the senate, on the 23d, Mr. Burrows, the newly-elected senator from Michigan, took the oath of office, to succeed Senator Patton, appointed to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Senator Patton. Mr. Burrows took the oath of office, to succeed Senator Patton, appointed to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Senator Patton.

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In the senate, on the 25th, the morning hour was spent in debate over the Hawaiian question. The long parliamentary struggle over the Nicaraguan canal came to a close and the bill was finally passed by a vote of 31 to 10. In the house the sundry civil appropriations bill for the year ending June 30, 1895, was finally passed after the adoption of important amendments. As passed, the bill carries an appropriation of \$85,000,000 for the year ending June 30, 1895, and the amount reported from committee. An evening session, devoted to the consideration of private pension bills, was held.

### PERSONAL AND GENERAL.

AMONG the important cases decided by the supreme court of the United States, on the 21st, is one determining the century-old question: "Are jurists judges of the law as well as of facts in criminal cases?" It was decided in the negative with two dissenting opinions, by Justices Gray and Shiras.

The supreme court of the United States, on the 21st, decided the case of the United States vs. The E. C. Knight Company et al., denying the constitutionality and validity of the Sherman anti-trust law of 1890, as affecting the transfer of the stock, etc., of several refining companies to the Sugar trust.

Among excitement than the department has had in years was created among the rank and file of the New York police department, on the 21st, when it became known that a great number of indictments, probably fifty-two, had been found by the grand jury and terminer grand jury.

AFTER one of the most bitter fights ever known in the United States senate in Kansas, Lucien Baker, state senator for Leavenworth county, received the caucus nomination, on the night of the 21st, on the ninth ballot.

THE Volksblatt, an anti-Semite journal circulating in Mannheim, Heidelberg and Frankfurt, has been confiscated by the authorities, owing to its having published an article entitled "Ode to Adam," which was regarded as a parody on Emperor William's "Song to Aegir."

THE trolley-car men's strike in Brooklyn assumed a serious aspect, on the 21st, and there were numerous collisions between the mobs and police and the military. The latter, after much provocation, firing on their assailants. The known casualties for the day numbered twenty, besides several wounded rioters who were spirited away by friends.

AFTER lingering between life and death for four weeks, Lizzie Morton, the second victim of the Chaney boat tragedy, died at Christmas day, in St. Louis, for which Noble Shepard is in jail, died on the night of the 21st. She carries with her to the grave the story of the double murder, which will probably never be known unless Shepard tells it.

In the Nebraska house, on the 21st, resolutions were unanimously adopted denouncing the murder of Barrett Scott, and declaring that the act was a crime against humanity, and calling upon the governor to immediately offer a reward for the arrest of his murderers.

HON. GEORGE A. BINGHAM, ex-justice of the supreme court of New Hampshire, died at his home in Littleton on the 24th. Judge Bingham was born in Concord, Vt., April 25, 1826.

REPORTS received at the state department in Washington up to the 21st place the Japanese in a position between Peking on the west and the great fortress of Wei-Hai-Wei on the east. It is believed that a movement will be made by land and sea upon the latter place, just as at Port Arthur.

A NEW \$10 counterfeit silver certificate, which had been discovered by the secret service, had just made its appearance in New York city. The ninth day (23d) of the Brooklyn trolley line tie-up passed without any great display of activity on either side, but as soon as darkness came trouble ensued. Three men were shot by pickets of the Seventh regiment at Broadway and Halsey street in Williamsburg, and it is reported that two will die.

At Pittsburgh, Pa., on the 22d, as the result of a dispute between two well-known citizens, Alexander Hutchinson challenged H. E. Lippincott to mortal combat. The latter accepted, choosing squirt guns as weapons, the duel to come off at the north pole February 31, 1895.

ABOUT 11:30 o'clock on the night of the 22d at Sturgis, Ky., an explosion occurred, which destroyed the Trade Water Coal Co., and five kegs of powder exploded inside the mines, killing five men and caving the mines in on them. About seventy-five men at once set to work digging the bodies from the debris.

AFTER a very stormy cabinet meeting, on the night of the 21st, President Diaz of Mexico notified Guatemala, through its minister, that he would not concede one iota, and that Guatemala would have to give in to Mexico's demand for the return of the trade route to Braddock, Pa., generally known as the "Huganau King," and very wealthy, has been defrauded out of about \$50,000 by Jasper Augustine, who had been trusted by Wolfe with several real estate deals.

LORD RANDOLPH CHURCHILL died in London, on the 24th, after a lingering illness. His death was painless, and he passed away in the presence of his physicians and all the members of his family.

ROBERT GILMORE was killed and John Kanary probably fatally injured by the overturning of a hook ladder truck while on their way to a fire in Albany, N. Y., on the 23d.

CHEROKEE BILL, the notorious outlaw, was killed near Tulsa, Okla., on the 23d, by his brother-in-law, who blew his head off with a shotgun.

DR. NAGLE, New York registrar of vital statistics, reported that 14,000 men from the twenty-four hours ending at 10 a. m. on the 23d.

JOSEPH A. EXO, the inventor of the steam man, died in Newark, N. J., on the 23d, aged 59 years.

MONSIEUR JULES CLEVER, bishop of Laval, France, died, on the 23d, aged 59 years.

The legislature of North Carolina, on the 23d, elected Marion Butler, populist, and Jeter C. Pritchard, republican, to the United States senate.

On the 24th the secretary of the interior issued a requisition on the secretary of the treasury for \$12,575,000 for the quarterly payment of pensions at six agencies, as follows: Ind., \$2,700,000; Kansas, \$1,800,000; Texas, \$2,700,000; Philadelphia, \$1,825,000; Knoxville, Tenn., \$1,800,000; New York city, \$1,850,000; and Louisville, Ky., \$1,000,000.

The work of securing a jury in the case of Harry Ward, charged with the murder of Miss Gine at Minneapolis, Minn., was continued, on the 24th, the sixth juror being secured in the person of John Kimball, a farmer.

The failure of Pullen, Croker & Co., bankers and brokers, of Portland, Me., was announced on the 23d. The firm had been doing business about eleven years. The cause of the trouble was said to be the condition of the wheat market.

The post office department, on the 25th, issued a fraud order against the Ladies' Monthly Gem, published at Cleveland, O., for fraudulent use of the mails.

SEVERE storms prevailed all over the coasts of Great Britain, France and Holland on the 25th. In Scotland the fall of snow was particularly heavy. A fishing boat belonging to Dunbar, with a crew of seven on board, was lost, and off Port Rath, Cornwall, a vessel with a crew of fourteen men went down.

### LATE NEWS ITEMS.

In the senate, on the 26th, Mr. Allen offered a resolution looking to the redemption of all forms of paper money by the secretary of the treasury in silver coin to protect the treasury from depletion of its gold. Mr. Vest's substitute in favor of non-interference to the secretary of the treasury was agreed to—22 to 24. Eulogies on the late Representative O'Neill, of Pennsylvania, occupied the remainder of the session. In the house bills were passed granting rights of way through the Indian and Oklahoma territories to certain railways, and to establish special rates for the navigation of harbors and rivers. A bill was introduced by Mr. Wilson for the repeal of the provision of the tariff act imposing a differential duty of one-tenth of a cent a pound on sugar, etc., from countries which pay an export duty on these articles.

A REBELLION has broken out in the United States of Colombia, which is of such importance that the agents of New York merchants in that country have telegraphed orders to stop shipments of gold, and cancelled all orders for the present. The revolution is the result of a long premeditated scheme against the government, which first assumed definite form on the death of President Nunez.

JOHN A. LOGAN POST, G. A. R., of Lafayette, Ind., has adopted a series of resolutions calling upon the legislature for a law giving the members of the G. A. R. the right to bear arms and to supply each post with the necessary arms. Such a law, it is claimed, will meet the requirements of the state and very largely do away with the necessity of supporting a state militia.

THE weekly statement of the New York associated banks for the week ending on the 26th of the following changes: Reserve, increase, \$415,375; loans, decrease, \$164,300; specie, increase, \$3,220,200; legal tenders, decrease, \$3,502,000; deposits, decrease, \$2,790,300; circulation, decrease, \$91,100.

LIBERT HELLING, who swallowed an 18-inch sword, on the night of the 25th, at Muskegon, Mich., died in terrible agony on the 27th. His intense sufferings turned his hair in a few hours from a dark brown to a light gray.

On the 26th the associated banks of New York city held \$45,880,450 in excess of the requirements of the 25-per-cent rule.

KING ALEXANDER OF Serbia arrived in Paris on the 27th.

## MISSOURI STATE NEWS.

The extension into Pemiscot county of the St. Louis, Kennett & Southern railroad, a line running from Campbell, on the Cotton Belt, to Kennett, the county seat of Dunklin county, was finished into Caruthersville, on the Mississippi river, the other day. This new Pemiscot extension is 25 miles long, and passes through a very rich and undeveloped timber and agricultural region. The work on the road was begun early last September and finished within five months. The total mileage of the extended line is 45 miles. The completion of this line takes another Missouri county out of the list of counties without railroad facilities.

To Pension St. Louis School-Teachers. Representative Drabell introduced a bill in the legislature providing for pensioning aged and disabled teachers in St. Louis.

A fund for this purpose is to be raised by setting aside not exceeding 1 per cent. per annum of the salaries of the teachers, and such gifts and bequests as may be made for the benefit of the fund. Any woman who has taught twenty-five years in the public schools of Missouri, and any man who has taught thirty years, if four-fifths of such time was taught in the city of St. Louis, may be retired on a pension equal to one-half the salary received, provided such salary does not exceed \$800 a year.

Burlington Placed in Jail. T. E. Burlingame, ex-president of the wrecked Bank of Commerce, Springfield, was brought to Springfield from Perry, Mo., the other night, the district court of the territory having refused to sustain the writ of habeas corpus by which Burlingame was detained in defiance of the requisition issued by the governor of Missouri. He was surrendered by his bonds, and was placed in the county jail.

Two Burglars Hogged It All. The other morning when Joseph Burke, a St. Joseph saloon-keeper, went to open his place he found all he had left of his business was the empty room of the house he occupied. During the night burglars had broken in and carried away three barrels of whisky, all of his cigars and tobacco and every bottle of wet goods, after which they made way with the bar and fixtures, completely gutting the place.

William L. Wilson Will Speak. Congressman William L. Wilson, the assiduous tariff reformer, has assured the students of the college, Fayette, that he will accept the invitation to deliver the annual address before the literary societies of that college June 12, during commencement week. The students will probably secure the big tent used by Sam Jones for the occasion, as many visitors are expected.

Fish Frozen in the Ice. A great many large catfish have been caught out of Salt river, near Shelbyville, during the cold weather. Ice men find that the river is frozen solid in many places and the fish are in the ice. They cut the fish out, take them to town and sell them. One man caught a barrel full of nice blue cats in this manner.

Blinded by an Explosion. While compounding some stuff out of which to make lights for a theater at Osceola, an explosion shook the whole block. Will Barnett, the colored porter at a drug store, suffered a broken arm, the flesh torn from the other and his eyes were put out. The rear part of the store was completely wrecked.

St. Joe's \$40,000 Meeting. The success of the St. Joseph Fair association has decided to hang purses for races during the fair, from September 2 to 7, aggregating \$40,000. Of this amount, \$21,500 will go to trotters and \$18,500 to winners of pacing races. Crack horses of the American turf will be entered for the contests.

Disappointed in Love. Gertrude Williams, an 18-year-old daughter of Mrs. Evelyn Williams, living in the south part of the city, attempted suicide by taking a spoonful of sulphide of zinc. A doctor was called, and by vigorous measures saved the girl's life. She had become despondent over a love affair.

Found Dead in Bed. Winslow Demel, a wealthy German farmer, who lived in Rush township, 15 miles southwest of St. Joseph and 3 miles north of the city of Rushville, was found dead in bed. Demel was despondent, and it is believed he committed suicide by taking poison.

Awarded the Plaintiff Five Dollars. In the Pettis county circuit court, on the \$10,000 damage suit of Mrs. Enda Petty against the Sedalia Electric Railway Co. for personal injuries, the plaintiff was given a judgment for five dollars.

A Convention of Mayors. Mayor Fenton of Springfield has called a convention of mayors of Missouri cities and towns of 1,000 population and under 30,000, to meet in Jefferson City, February 12.

Rev. Raphael Kinne, aged 67, died at El Dorado Springs. He was well-known in Missouri, was a prominent pastor, and was buried by the local lodge.

Courthouse Burned. The Johnson county courthouse at Warrensburg was destroyed by fire. It was a frame structure, and the loss was not heavy; insurance, \$800.

Indictments Reported Stolen. Seven of the eight indictments against O. K. Caldwell, late cashier of the defunct Citizens' bank of Nevada, are said to have been stolen.

Scaled to Death. The 4-months-old child of Haney Ford, of Washburn, Barry county, was scaled to death by the overturning of a kettle of boiling meat.

Will Not Get It All. It is said that the entire amount asked for by the trustees of the university, \$450,000, will not be appropriated by the legislature.

Captured at Syracuse. George Ashton, who escaped from the Pettis county jail not long ago, 10, was captured at Syracuse, Morgan county, the other day.

Killed by a Falling Limb. James McKinney, while cutting down a tree near St. Francisville, Clark county, a few days ago, was struck by a falling limb and killed.

Assessor of Franklin County. Gov. Stone has appointed George W. Link assessor of Franklin county. He will succeed D. A. Schuster, who recently resigned.

## MISSOURI LEGISLATURE.

JEFFERSON CITY, Jan. 25.—SENATE.—Yesterday the senate took up the bill making the board of curators of the state university non-political. The motion was made to reconsider the action of Saturday in adopting an amendment to exclude professors of high schools and colleges from being members of the board of curators. The motion to reconsider was made by Mr. Gash, of Clay, and carried by a vote of 15 to 10. A vigorous speech was made by Mr. Harrison in defense of the amendment, and it was opposed through a strong speech from Mr. Kiene. Six hours was growing late the senate adjourned with the matter at issue pending, and the fight will be renewed again.

HOUSE.—What was regarded as an A. P. fight was precipitated in the house. The enactment of bills was being proceeded with when a bill introduced by Mr. Hinder and Jackman, a report favorably made by the committee on eleemosynary institutions, was called up. Mr. Hinder made a brief explanation of his bill, but the confusion was so great he could not be distinctly heard. The measure provides for the appointment in cities by the mayor of five commissioners on charitable institutions who shall have a general supervision over all penal and charitable institutions in the city and may remove any officer employed from an institution supported wholly or in part by the city. Commissioners must visit each institution at least once each month. Half a dozen members were on their feet and trying to talk when Mr. Davis of Taney moved to table the whole matter, and the motion carried by a vote of 79 to 49.

JEFFERSON CITY, Jan. 25.—SENATE.—The greater portion of the day in the senate yesterday was taken up by the discussion of Speaker Russell's bill making train robbery punishable by death. The passage of the bill was before the house a special message on state taxation. After the reading of the message, Mr. Bothwell moved that 1,000 copies be printed, which motion was carried.

JEFFERSON CITY, Jan. 25.—SENATE.—Yesterday Senator Kiene, of St. Louis, introduced a telephone bill fixing annual charges at 800 for the use of the public schools of Missouri in cities under 25,000, and five-minute conversations with suburban points 25 cents.

Senator Yeater's bill reducing the maximum cost of feeding prisoners in jails was amended to read 40 cents. The present maximum is 50 cents. The original bill made it 30 cents.

HOUSE.—The speaker presented the opinion of the attorney-general concerning the question of "double pay" for the "junketing" and auditing committees. Mr. Walker found that the members of the committee are entitled to the full pay of \$500 per month from the date of appointment, until the convening of the assembly, and that after assembly convenes they begin to draw their regular pay and are not entitled to the extra five dollars a day. He found further that the members of these committees are entitled to their mileage and expenses.

A remonstrance by citizens of Linn county against the establishment of two additional normal schools was offered by Dr. Pettijohn. Various petitions against cigarettes and in favor of the passage of an oleomargarine identification bill were offered and referred.

Mr. Sullinger offered a resolution calling on the commissioner of insurance for a statement of the premiums collected and amounts of losses paid in every county in the state with the names of the companies doing business in each. Adopted.

The military committee reported the militia reorganization bill of Davis, of Taney, cutting the section increasing the pay of the adjutant-general from \$1,000 to \$1,200.

JEFFERSON CITY, Jan. 25.—MEMORIALS in honor of the late John R. Coffman, of Scott county, the late Hon. J. Requa, of Vernon county, and the late John L. Patton, of Boone county, were read in the house yesterday. The senate being present in a body. The eulogy upon John R. Coffman was delivered by John W. Drabell, of St. Louis, that on J. Requa by Cornelius Carroll, of Vernon county, and that on John L. Patton by Henry Jenkins, of Boone county. Each address was profusely applauded.

The reading of resolutions of eulogy already adopted by the house as a tribute to the memory of the deceased. The resolutions were all ordered spread upon the records and copies sent to the respective families.

The memorial services, interrupted legislation, and very little was accomplished. It is stated that Rev. Ben Deering has secured from the house committee on criminal jurisprudence a favorable report on his bill fixing the minimum license of all saloons in the state at \$1,000 a year. It also requires saloons to be closed from midnight until 5 o'clock in the morning and all day on Sunday.

After a long wrangle the house decided to investigate the official affairs of Excelsior, Commissioner of the State of Missouri, and also the affairs of City Collector Henry Ziegenhain of St. Louis in so far as the collection of drainage revenue is concerned.

JEFFERSON CITY, Jan. 25.—SENATE.—Yesterday Mr. Orchard, of Howell, introduced a bill prohibiting, under a fine of \$500 to \$800, all games of chance and amusements on Sunday in the state of Missouri. The act specifies baseball, football, racing and theaters.

HOUSE.—Two bills were introduced requiring the weekly payment of wages to laborers of corporations and miners in lawful money. Dr. Pettijohn introduced a bill to require trust companies to increase their deposits with the state treasurer until the same shall be adequate to meet the vast interest which such companies have in charge. At present the trust companies deposit but \$200,000.

JEFFERSON CITY, Jan. 25.—The senate was not in session Saturday.

HOUSE.—There was not a quorum present in the house.

Petitions were presented from Kansas City and Jefferson county asking the enactment of an anti-cigarette law.

The committee on criminal jurisprudence submitted a substitute for a bill regarding the execution of condemned criminals, which was adopted by the house. It requires all persons convicted of capital offenses to be immediately transferred to the penitentiary, and in course of law executed within the prison walls. The act appropriates \$1,000 for the erection of a suitable building in the penitentiary to be used as an execution chamber.

A Swedish Colony. Negotiations are pending for the settlement of a Swedish colony in Pulaski county.

Good Rain. Good rains have relieved stockmen of Sullivan county, for water was scarce.

## BEFORE THE REVOLUTION.

The doctor carried his own medicines and himself fixed the enormous doses then given. Every spring he dosed his patients with huge portions of salts and senna, of rhubarb and manna.

PRIVATE houses were lighted with tallow candles; public halls and the saloons of the wealthy with candles of wax, and at regular intervals a servant made the rounds with a pair of snuffers.

## AN IMPORTANT STATE PAPER.

The Biennial Report of State Auditor Seibert Ready for the Public—A Complete Financial Exhibit of the Workings of the State Department.

The biennial report of State Auditor James M. Seibert is out of the hands of the public printer and ready for distribution to the members of the Thirty-third general assembly and to the public. This is the most important of all state papers, as it is a complete financial exhibit of the workings of the state government.

The subject of criminal costs is discussed and attention is called to the fact that the unpaid bills of 1894, now on file in his office, amount to \$117,426.50, which, with the \$325,000 estimated for payment of bills in 1895-96, make a total of \$442,426.50 to be provided for by this legislature. This item of public expenditure, he says, has been about equal to 10 cents per capita of the population during the past fifty years, and suggests, very pointedly, that if the laws were so amended as to bring about the more speedy trial of persons charged with crime, limiting continuances and changes of venue, the effect would be a very material reduction of this expenditure. He does not believe that the fees of the officers charged with the enforcement of the criminal code can be safely reduced, since they are already lower than are allowed for similar services in civil cases.

The balance in the treasury on January 1, 1895, was \$562,277.48; the receipts from all sources into all the funds in 1894-95 were \$6,038,356.14; the disbursements for all purposes, \$6,780,908.19; and the balance on January 1, 1895, was \$79,725.43. The report of notice that only \$5,433,955.84 of the \$6,038,356.14 came in from collectors of the revenue for taxes and licenses, and that the balance of \$1,394,400.30 was derived from foreign insurance companies, incorporation tax, interest on state deposits, earnings of the convicts in the penitentiary, and from moneys collected by the treasurers of the eleemosynary institutions, etc.

The receipts into the revenue fund in 1893-94 were \$5,024,681.46, and the disbursements were as follows:

Expenses, state government, 1893	\$1,387,817.91
General government, 1893	1,063,910.00
Support of public schools, 1893	610,932.10
Public works, 1893	617,077.00
Partial support, penitentiary, 1893	617,217.58
Eleemosynary institutions, 1893	164,210.38
Penitentiary, 1894	438,887.81

The state interest fund received \$1,955,868.64, which was used as follows:

Interest on bonded debt	\$513,075.00
Interest on school and sanitary certificates	500,799.64
Transfer to sinking fund	861,993.60

The disbursements from the sinking fund were for purchase of \$506,000 of unamortized 6 per cent. bonds, redemption of \$214,000 of 3 1/2 per cent. option bonds, and the payment at maturity of \$141,000 of 6 per cent. bonds.

The state debt on January 1 is given as follows:

Six per cent. bonds	\$1,930,000.00
Three and one-half per cent. option bonds	5,086,000.00
School certificates	1,063,910.00
Sanitary certificates	1,063,910.00
Total	\$10,542,920.00

In 1894 the sum of \$6,424,885.35 was expended for support of the public schools, derived from the following sources:

Interest on school fund	\$1,317,851.27
State school moneys	777,178.35
Direct taxes in districts	4,338,860.99

It appears that the total amount of taxes and licenses collected from the people of the state, as shown by the annual settlement of the collectors in March, 1894, was as follows:

State taxes	\$2,005,633.65
County taxes	8,333,000.47
Roads and bridges	32,868.05
Township roads and bridges	2,925.00
Township taxes	